

Bills Sponsored By Rep. Rush Holt (111th Congress)

H.R. 4159 School Environment Protection Act of 2009

Amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act to mandate that schools minimize the use of pesticides and notify parents, guardians and employees of the pesticides that are used.

H.R. 4065 Foreign Language Education Partnership Program Act

Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide incentive payments to public elementary schools to establish partnership programs in foreign languages. The bill requires that the partnerships establish, improve or expand programs that increase the number of high school graduates who achieve a high level of proficiency in at least one foreign language.

H.R. 4005 [Judicious Use of Surveillance Tools in Counterterrorism Efforts Act of 2009 \(JUSTICE\) ACT](#)

Establishes more effective checks on government search of American's personal and business records to ensure that searches are for legitimate counterterrorism purposes and creates tighter requirements for roving wiretap authority. The bill amend the FISA Amendment Act to remove retroactive immunity provisions, protect against "bulk collection" of Americans' internal communications and prohibit "reverse targeting" of Americans.

H.R. 3835 Protection Against Wrongful Voter Purges Act

Amends the National Voter Registration Act to create guidelines for the removal of an individual from a list of eligible voters by reasons other than death or a change of residence and requires that the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to incorporate voluntary guidelines with respect to audits of the statewide computerized voter registration lists to ensure that the list accurately reflects the individuals validly registered to vote in federal elections and is secure against unauthorized uses.

H.R. 3552 Provisional Ballot Fairness in Counting Act

Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 by prohibiting any election recount until all provisional votes have been counted and requiring that a provisional ballot be treated as a registration application if the ballot is rejected on the grounds that the person is not registered to vote.

H.R. 3487 International Parental Child Abduction Deterrence Act

Requires the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to take certain actions against specified foreign nationals involved in actions relating to international child abduction, such as the case involving Sean Goldman and Brazil, regardless of whether a country is a party to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

H.R. 3273 [Ensuring One Level of Aviation Safety Act](#)

Requires the Federal Aviation Administration to implement recommendations by the National

Transportation Safety Board that allow for random, unannounced, on-site safety inspections of regional air carriers; new rules to address pilot fatigue; carriers to have greater access to information about pilot practical test failures; greater oversight of pilot training schools; and the establishment of a national standard relative to the minimum number of flight hours required for commercial aircraft pilots.

H.R. 3152 [Helping Seniors Choose their Medicare Drug Plan Act](#)

Ensures that low-income beneficiaries have improved access to prescription drugs under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

H.R. 2983 [Detainee Interrogation Recording Act](#)

Requires the videotaping of strategic intelligence interrogations of persons in the custody of or under the effective control of the Department of Defense. These records would be kept at the appropriate level of classification, and would be available to intelligence personnel who could examine them for any potential intelligence benefit.

H.R. 2894 [Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act](#)

Creates a national standard of voting to help ensure that every vote is recorded and counted as intended. The bill would require paper ballot voting systems accompanied by accessible ballot marking devices and require routine random audits of electronic voting tallies.

H.R. 2777 [Helping Fill the Medicare Rx Gap Act](#)

Ensures that more senior citizens receive federal assistance in paying for prescription drug costs under Medicare. The bill would include the costs of drugs provided by the Indian Health Service, Federally qualified health centers, AIDS drug assistance programs, certain hospitals, and pharmaceutical manufacturer Patient Assistance Programs in calculating True Out of Pocket costs.

H.R. 2725 [Property Tax Relief Initiative](#)

Extends for five years a property tax deduction, which benefits homeowners who do not itemize on their Federal tax returns. The initiative, which currently applies for the 2008 and 2009 tax years, allows single-filing property-owning taxpayers to take an additional deduction of \$500 and joint filers to deduct \$1,000 for state and local property taxes paid or accrued.

H.R. 2724 [National Transportation Objectives Act of 2009](#)

Establishes ten National Transportation Objectives to promote energy efficiency and energy security, ensure environmental protection, improve economic competitiveness, increase safety and public health outcomes, improve system conditions and connectivity, and provide equal access to urban and rural communities.

H.R. 2683 [Congressional Veteran Internship Act](#)

Allows each member of Congress to hire one veteran as a Congressional intern for one year, and provides each veteran in the program a \$25,000 stipend. The program is open to all veterans of all eras.

H.R. 2368 [The Water Advanced Technologies for Advanced Resource Use \(WATER\) Act](#)

Authorizes and expands the WaterSense program to encourage the manufacture and sale of water-efficient consumer products. WaterSense evaluates and labels high-performance water

efficient products and allows consumers to easily identify them on the shelf.

H.R. 2082 Military and Overseas Voting Enhancement Act

Requires States to accept absentee ballots of overseas military and civilian voters which are submitted by the voter to a provider of express mail services not later than the day before the date of the election involved for transmission to the appropriate State election official, and requires the Secretary of Defense to reimburse overseas military voters for the costs of using a provider of express mail services to transmit the ballot to the official, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2081 National Park Educational Partnership Act

Creates a grant program for schools to partner with the National Park System for learning in history, civics, math, and science.

H.R. 2001 [Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefields Commemorative Coin Act of 2009](#)

Helps raise funds to preserve at-risk battlefields of Revolutionary War and War of 1812.

H.R. 2000

Awards a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

H.R. 1694 (passed House on April 22, 2009) [Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act](#)

Establishes a federal grant program specifically for preserving and protecting battle sites associated with the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

H.R. 1248 [Anthrax Attacks Investigation Act of 2009](#)

Establishes a Congressional commission to investigate the 2001 anthrax attacks and the federal government's response to and investigation of the attacks. The bipartisan commission would make recommendations to the President and Congress on how the country can best prevent and respond to any future bioterrorism attack.

H.R. 579 [School Building Enhancement Act](#) (incorporated into House-passed school construction bill on May 14, 2009)

Helps schools implement energy saving measures to reduce their energy costs and provides schools with federal funding to make energy efficient upgrades.

H.R. 146 [Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act](#)

Establishes a federal grant program specifically for preserving and protecting battle sites associated with the American Revolution and the War of 1812.

H.R. 145 [Online Job Training Act of 2009](#)

Provides grants to states to establish or improve workforce training programs on the Internet and makes job training more accessible and convenient for prospective workers.

H.CON.RES. 143 [Hire a Veteran Week Act](#)

Calls upon the President to proclaim an annual week that would remind businesses, unions, non-profits, trade associations, and agencies at all levels of government of the value of hiring veterans.

[H.RES.226](#) (passed by the House on March 11, 2009)

Recognizing the plight of the Tibetan people on the 50th anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama being forced into exile and calling for a sustained multilateral effort to bring about a durable and peaceful solution to the Tibet issue.